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In re Application of:

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For: COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A
FIXED NETWORK AND A MOVABLE
NETWORK WITH MEANS FOR
SUSPENDING OPERATION OF THE
MOVABLE NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims 9-14 for consideration by the Examiner:

--9. A method for facilitating telephone traffic between a fixed network and a movable network aboard a vehicle, comprising:

configuring a ground-based host node to forward incoming calls from the fixed network to the user, and to forward outgoing calls from the user to the fixed network;

suspending, in response to a control signal, forwarding incoming calls to the user;

wherein said suspending forwarding incoming calls does not disconnect a call in progress between the user and the fixed network.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said configuring comprises registering routing information for a telecommunications device associated with the user aboard the vehicle.